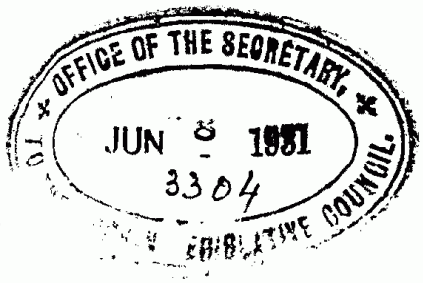

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* *16th of February 1931.* / *4th of Kumbham 1106.*

The House met for the first day of the Kumbham Session of 1106 at half-past eleven of the clock on Monday, the 16th of February 1931 (4th of Kumbham 1106) with the President in the Chair. Messrs V. V. Annapadmanabha Aiyar, C. Barton Wright, P. C. Chanchan, T. K. Nayar, K. T. Mathew, Ouseph P. Kundukulam, K. Ramunny Menon and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

Messrs. I. N. Menon and Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council:—Before we proceed to the business of the day, I should like to take this opportunity for extending to all the Hon'ble Members a warm welcome to this meeting. Owing to the imminence of the Census, in which many of the Government officials are engaged in some capacity or other, it has become necessary to fix the term of this meeting at 3 days instead of the usual 5 days. There is not a large volume of legislative work and the time available will be sufficient to dispose of the work and also other business. In conclusion, I must request all the Hon'ble Members to extend to the Chair that support which has been the tradition of this House. (*Hear, hear*). We shall now proceed to the business of the day—first item, Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers.

Works in Panchayats.

186. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the names of the Panchayats which have in any of the following years utilized more than the amounts provided for them in the budget for the years (i) 1101, (ii) 1102, (iii) 1103 and (iv) 1104;

(b) the excess amount made use of by each of them annually in the above period;

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(c) the names of the Panchayats which have in any of the following years utilised less than the amounts provided for them in the years (i) 1101, (ii) 1102, (iii) 1103 and (iv) 1104;

(d) the amount lapsed annually in the above period in the case of each Panchayats?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) to (d). The Member is referred to the statements placed on the Council table.

Applications for joint registration.

187. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to State.—

the number of applications pending in each of the villages for joint registration of land showing separate figures for petitions of different years; of these how many were disposed of and pattas issued in 1105 of the petitions of each year?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon—A village-war statement is placed on the Council table.

Report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

188. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies referred to in an answer to question No. 431 of the Legislative Session of 1105?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government regret that the report cannot be published.

Defalcations.

189. **Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Will the Government kindly answer the following:—

(a) 1. how many cases of defalcations or misappropriations have happened or have been detected in Cochin service, during the last 6 years;

2. to what caste does each of the defalcators belong;

3. what are the respective amounts defalcated or misappropriated by each;

4. how many persons were prosecuted from among them and what are their names;

5. how many such prosecutions ended in convictions and who are those convicted;

6. how many of the defalcators were turned out of service and who are they;

7. how many of them are still in service and what are their names; was any punishment awarded to them; if so, what are they;

(b) have the Government tried to deduce any inference from the above facts as to which community in Cochin has been found to be more honest in Government service?

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